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VIA ECF

Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith United States Magistrate Judge Charles L. Brieant Jr. Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street, Courtroom 520 White Plains, NY 10601-4150

Re: <u>IHS Dialysis, Inc. et al. v. DaVita, Inc.</u>, 12-cv-2468 (ER) (LMS)

Your Honor:

We write to (1) provide an update on the parties' negotiations regarding discovery issues since we last appeared before the Court on June 6, 2014, and (2) to confirm that the Court can conduct the status conference scheduled for July 21, 2014, telephonically.

Pursuant to the Court's instruction at the June 6 status conference, the parties reached agreement on and stipulated to an Amended Joint Discovery Plan, which the Court entered on June 16, 2014 [Dkt. No. 69].

Thus, because they agree there is no pending discovery dispute, the parties confirm that the Court can conduct the July 21 status conference telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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